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1. There have been rumors in the Berlin press that the Central Administrations for the Russian Zone are being reorganized. [REDACTED] 25X1X
tion reports that on 6 January the SMA requested a blue print to form a Russian Zone Ministry of Finance out of the present body. Specific proposals were requested in regard to the jurisdiction of the zonal ministry vis-a-vis the states and in regard to the organization of necessary technical departments.
2. A high official of the Central Administration of Industry claims that the latter is to be split into three independent administrations for raw materials (Grundstoff), heavy industry (Schwerindustrie), and light industry (Leichtindustrie).

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: This plan would appear to be based on the practice in the USSR.)

25X1X [REDACTED] Leo Skrzypczynski is expected to resign, presumably in protest to the planned reorganization.

3. A planned reshuffling of the cabinet in Saxony-Anhalt may be connected with the above. Dr. Damerow (LDP) is to hand over the Ministry of Agriculture to an unspecified LDP man and take over the Ministry of Justice from Minister-President Rubener. The Ministry of Labor and Welfare is to pass from Herwegen (CDU) to Erich Besser (SED); Herwegen would receive the post of Transport Minister, newly detached from the Ministry of Economics.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: Besser is an old time Communist, at present a member of the Assembly and Vice-President of Bezirksverwaltung, Dessau.)

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